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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, 11 February 2025 (13h00), Chambers, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the following:

- (i) Admissions update for the 2025 academic year;
- (ii) Status of school readiness for the 2025 academic year; and
- (iii) 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Results and the pass rate for the Western Cape.

Present

Democratic Alliance

Van Wyk, LD (Chairperson)
Kaizer-Philander, WF
Booyse, M
Walters, TCR

African National Congress

Sayed, MK

African Christians Democratic Party

Christians, FC

Patriotic Alliance

Stephens, DR

Alternate Members

Cassiem, A (EFF)
Windvogel, R (ANC)

Additional Members

Bosman, G (DA)
Jacobs, D (NCC)
Lithakong, T (EFF)
Stoffel, B (ANC)

Officials in attendance:

(See attached list of departmental officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed all present. The Minister of Education, Mr D Maynier, the Head of the Department, Mr B Walters and WCED officials were present at the meeting.

2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) on the following:

- (iv) Admissions update for the 2025 academic year;**
- (v) Status of school readiness for the 2025 academic year; and**
- (vi) 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Results and the pass rate for the Western Cape.**

The Minister, Mr. D Maynier gave opening remarks on the presentations.

Mr A Meyer, the Deputy Director-General: Institution Development and Coordination in the WCED, led the presentation on 2025 admissions and school readiness.

He informed the Committee that the 2025 admissions update shows that there are 319 unplaced learners in Grade 1 and 1,267 in Grade 8. Districts are experiencing challenges due to lack of available land for additional classrooms. Up to 477 additional posts are being finalized for distribution. Schools are withdrawing learners who have not arrived after the 10th school day, providing opportunities for further placement. New schools and classrooms have been delivered, with 7 new schools and 283 out of 293 new classrooms delivered. The 2026 admissions process opens from 11 March to 15 April 2025. The Learner Transport Scheme (LTS) policy applies to learners in rural areas living 5 km or further from the nearest appropriate school. The Bus Committee oversees LTS applications and ensures alignment with policy and strategic objectives.

Mr B Loriston, Deputy Director-General: Curriculum and Assessment Management, in the WCED, led the presentation on the 2024 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Results.

He reported that the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination results for 2020-2024 show a significant increase in candidates and pass rates. Key achievements include increased enrolment and participation, improved bachelor's degree passes, and the highest national pass rates for Mathematics and Physical Sciences. The Class of 2024 also achieved 27,929 distinctions, an increase of 4,981 from 2023.

The Committee deliberated on the presentations.

Members of the public were present at the meeting. It became apparent that the public wished to participate. The Committee could not agree on whether to allow members of the public to participate in the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the WCED officials for their contribution.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 17h30.

